(SRI T. CHANNIAH.)

(*b*) The question of opening a reduced scale Local Fund Dispensary is under examination.

Recruitment to Railway Department.

Q.—502. Sri SHIVANANJE GOWDA (Mysore Taluk).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

whether it has come to their notice that the method of recruitment of persons to the Railway Department in Mysore State has been contrary to the Rules after the Railway Administration was taken over by the Centre?

A.—Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue and Public Works).—

The question is not clear.

Maddur Shuttle Train.

Q.—503. Sri SHIVANANJE GOWDA (Mysore Taluk).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether it has not come to their notice that much inconvenience is being felt by passengers as a result of attaching only four bogies to the Maddur Shuttle train;

(*b*) whether they will take steps to urge upon the Union Government to make proper arrangements in this behalf?

A.—Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue and Public Works).—

(*a*) No.

(*b*) In view of reply to (*a*) this does not arise.

ELECTION OF SPEAKER.

Sri T. MARIAPPA (Mysore City North).—Sir, I beg to move:

"That Sri H. S. Rudrappa be elected as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly."

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK (Molakalmuru).—I beg to second the motion:

"That Sri H. S. Rudrappa be elected as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly."

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—Motion moved:

"That Sri H. S. Rudrappa be elected as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly."

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM (Jagalur).—Sir, this is the first time . . . .

Sri M. MADIAH (Nanjangud-Scheduled Castes).—I rise to a point of order. The motion must be put now.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—After the motion is moved, if there is nobody who wants to speak, then the motion will be put. Since the Leader of the Opposition has risen to speak, he will be allowed first to speak and then I will put the motion for the vote of the House.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—This is the first time we are having the election of the Speaker according to the revised rules. When a motion has been moved and when the motion is before this House, every member of this House has a right to speak on it. Sir, the mover of the motion has, in one simple sentence, proposed that Sri H. S. Rudrappa be elected as the Speaker of this House and it has been seconded by my mighty friend Sri Bheemappa Naik.

(*Laughter.*)

A MEMBER.—Weighty friend.

*Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Weighty also. Sri H. S. Rudrappa has been my esteemed friend and we have worked in comradeship from a very long time. He has served in this House and the State in various capacities. I have personally nothing against him. Perhaps the ruling party, the majority party, has had good reasons for selecting him for this high office. I have no regret so far as this choice is concerned. But, my regret lies otherwise.

Sir, the Speaker's place and position is a very responsible one; it is a sacred one. The Speaker becomes the highest dignatory of this House to whom every member of this House

* Indicates that the speech has not been revised by the Member concerned.

irrespective of the party to which he may belong, looks for protection and for safeguarding his rights and privileges. When a member of this House becomes the Speaker, he is no longer a party-man; he becomes the property of every member of this House.

A MEMBER.—Please mark it.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Yes. Sir, the choice of the Speaker is all the more important from the point of view of the Opposition. The Opposition who are in a minority and who may be attacked in season and out of season by the majority party and perhaps, who are subject to the tyranny of the ruling party, always look to the Speaker for protection and safeguarding their rights and interests.

Sir, it is a tradition everywhere, though not in this country, where democracy is well established, that the election of the Speaker is never made a party issue, because the Speaker should enjoy the universal confidence of all the members of all the parties. So, the Speaker's place is never contested and he will not identify himself with any party. There will not be any controversy in the election of the Speaker, especially in England, the Constitution of which we have adopted. Sir, here we have had election of the Speaker thrice. First, Sri V. Venkatappa was elected as the Speaker. Then late Sri H. Siddaiya, whose demise we bemoaned, was elected. On both these occasions, the Opposition stressed this point and brought it to the notice of the Leader of the House that, for the proper working of democracy, healthy conventions and traditions should be established and the choice for the place of the Speaker must, as far as possible, be unanimous. Sir, the Leader of the House has himself expressed that in all such important matters he would take the Opposition into confidence and would consult them before coming to a conclusion. But now, Sir, the Leader of the House has overlooked the fact. We looked forward that he would take the Opposition into confidence before coming to a decision in this behalf. But, he has made it absolutely a party issue. May be, he thought that through his own might and the might of his party, he would have a nominee of one party. Perhaps, he was obsessed with the idea that there would not be a unanimous election on account of party internal differences; or perhaps, there was too much of competition within his own party or there were too many who aspired for this place. Whatever it may be, on this occasion, the Leader of the House ought to have laid down a convention, established a convention, of not making the choice of the Speaker a party issue. The choice should have been made in consultation—not with the approval, I do not go so far—with the members of the Opposition. This principle was not adopted by the Leader of the House. We take it as scant respect shown to the Opposition which plays an effective and important part in moulding the destiny of the State; they are entirely ignored. Well, Sir, we have been appealing to you that this Opposition is not sitting here for the sake of opposition. It is here to guide the ruling party in the right path. It is here to see that democracy is made a success. It is here to see that healthy conventions and practices are established. But, I must state with great regret that the Leader of the House has made this an absolute party issue and the party has selected a candidate for this office. This is against the principle of democracy, against the principle of all traditions. Sir, as I said, the Speaker should inspire confidence in all and therefore if the Speaker's choice were to be universal, to be unanimous, then certainly this House will welcome him and it will be building up a great convention. My regret is all the more, because I have been stressing this point during the last three or four years.

Sir, the other point that I want to stress is: however great a person may be, however sincere a person may be, when he belongs to a certain group or party and when he is elected by that party to this place which requires all the impartiality, fairness and justice, then, it is bound to give room for suspicion; it may be well-founded or ill-founded. But, taking human

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nature as it is and taking the circumstances as they are, when the person who is elected to this place feels that his present position is due to a certain political party and he owes loyalty and allegiance to a particular party, it would be very difficult, when crucial questions arise, to disentangle himself from the party loyalty and be fair. I am speaking generally. That is why I stressed during the last election that as far ar possible we must elect a person unanimously with the concurrence of all the parties or a person who enjoys the confidence of all the parties, an independent person, a person who will not owe any allegiance to any party. That should be the criterion.

But here, however, eminent Sri Rudrappa may be,—we have great respect towards him,—still there is the possibility that, when once the party elects him, when he is under an obligation to that party and his loyalty is towards that party, on important matters or party issues brought before this House, it will be very difficult for him to be away from party affiliation. I am sure there are Speakers who can break the shackles of party affiliation. But it requires an extraordinary mind too. Ordinarily speaking, it gives rise to suspicion that, after all, seeing that the Speaker is a party man, he belongs to a certain party. This is what we want should not be associated with the Speaker. It often happens. So, unless the Speaker makes a public announcement that he is above all parties, that he has given up all party affiliations, as was done by Sri Vithalbhai Patel when he was first elected as the President of the Central Legislative Assembly,—he stated that he belonged to no party after election,—unless the Speaker says like that, there is a suspicion lurking in everyone's mind. That is a great disadvantage in electing one belonging to a party as Speaker. So, though I do not oppose the election now, I have to say that it would have been better if we had been consulted. If we are not able to come to a unanimous understanding to select a person who does not show any affiliation to any party, is it really difficult to find such a person? You may be anxious to know what the attitude of the Opposition will be. I can tell you that the Opposition is more interested in seeing that democracy works; it wants to establish healthy conventions and traditions it wants to show a lesson to the party in power. Where the majority has failed to establish a convention, the Opposition at this stage will be the first to establish a convention and tradition by not opposing this motion but by helping to make the choice a universal one. (Claps). We want to do so because we are interested in healthy traditions and conventions and I do not want to strike a discordant note. Let it be proclaimed to the posterity that the Opposition was the first to set this example, that the Opposition gave a lead to the Treasury Bench to establish further healthy conventions and traditions. It is true that last time we protested. But it was with a particular object. We just wanted to show the imperative need for establishing such conventions. But you did not learn a lesson. Now we are taking the other course, namely, we will be good to you. We will be good to you so that you may correct yourself and do the right thing in a proper manner.

Sri T. MARIAPPA.—Non-violent way, is it?

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—We are making tremendous sacrifices, but, still in the interests of the country, in the interests of democracy, in the interests of smooth working of democracy, because the Speaker's place is an important one, we do not want that election to that place be controversial. It is to impress this fact and to set an example to you we are supporting the candidature of Sri H. S. Rudrappa. Sir, I support the motion now before the House and I hope that all members of my party will support the motion.

ಶ್ರೀಬಿ. ಹುಚ್ಚೇಗೌಡ (ತುರುವೇಕೆರೆ).—ಸ್ವಾಮೀ, ಈಗ ತಂದಿರತಕ್ಕ ಸೂಚನೆಯನ್ನು ನಾನು ಹೃತ್ಪೂರ್ವಕವಾಗಿ ಸ್ವಾಗತಿಸುತ್ತೇನೆ. ಮತ್ತು ಈ ಸಮಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಒಂದೆರಡು ಅಂಶಗಳನ್ನು ಮಾತ್ರ ತಿಳಿಸಲಚ್ಚಿಸುತ್ತೇನೆ. ಪ್ರಜಾ ಪ್ರಭುತ್ವ ತತ್ವದ ವಿಚಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ವಿರೋಧ ಪಕ್ಷದವರು ಇಟ್ಟುಕೊಂಡಿರತಕ್ಕ ನಂಬಿಕೆಯ ವಿಚಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆಲವು ಸಂದೇಹಗಳು ವ್ಯಕ್ತಪಟ್ಟವೆ. ಈ ವಿಚಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ನಾನು ಈಗ ಮಾತನಾಡಿದರೆ ಅದು ತಪ್ಪಾಗದಾರ

ದೆಂದು ಭಾವಿಸುತ್ತೇನೆ. ಕಳೆದ ಚುನಾವಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಸ್ಪೀಕರ್ ಸ್ಥಾನಕ್ಕೆ ನಡೆಯಬೇಕಾದ ಚುನಾವಣೆಯ ಕಾಲದಲ್ಲಿ ಶ್ರೀ ದಾಸಪ್ಪನವರು ನನ್ನನ್ನು ಕರೆದು ಕೇಳಿದರು—ಈ ಸ್ಥಾನಕ್ಕೆ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧೆ ಇಲ್ಲದೆ ಇರುವುದು ಒಳ್ಳೆಯದಲ್ಲವೇ ಎಂದು. ಈ ಕರ್ತವ್ಯವನ್ನು ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸಲು ನಾನು ಒಪ್ಪಿದೆ. ಅನಂತರ ಅದೇನು ಕಾರಣದಿಂದಲೋ ಅವರೇ ಅದನ್ನು ಕೈಬಿಟ್ಟರು. ಈ ರೀತಿ healthy convention ಸ್ಥಾಪಿಸುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಅವರ ಕಡೆಯವರೇ ಸಿದ್ಧವಾಗಿಲ್ಲ.

ಎರಡನೆಯದಾಗಿ, ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿದ್ದಯ್ಯನವರು ಸಭಾಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರಾಗಿ ಬರುವ ಕಾಲದಲ್ಲಿ ಸಭಾ ನಾಯಕರು ನಮ್ಮನ್ನು ಕೇಳಿದರು—ಯಾರನ್ನಾದರೂ ಚುನಾವಣೆಗೆ ನಿಲ್ಲಿಸಿದರೆ ಅವರು ಸರ್ವಾನುಮತದಿಂದ ಚುನಾಯಿತರಾಗಿ ಬರುವಂತಿರಬೇಕು, ಹಾಗೆ ಮಾಡಲು ಸಾಧ್ಯವೇ ಎಂದು. ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಉತ್ತರವಾಗಿ, ನೀವು ಬಹುಮತದ ಪಕ್ಷದವರಾದುದರಿಂದ ಈ ವಿಚಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ನಮ್ಮನ್ನು ಕೇಳಿದರೆ ಏನು ಪ್ರಯೋಜನ, ನೀವು ಯಾರನ್ನು ಬೇಕಾದರೂ ಚುನಾಯಿಸಬಹುದು ಎಂದು ತಿಳಿಸಿದೆವು. ಆ ಸಮಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಅವರು ಸ್ವತಂತ್ರರಾಗಿದ್ದ ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಪಟ್ಟಾಭಿರಾಮ್ಮರವರನ್ನು ಆ ಸ್ಥಾನಕ್ಕೆ ತರಬಹುದೆಂದು ತಿಳಿಸಿದರು. ಆಗ ಅದು ಎಲ್ಲರಿಗೂ ಸರ್ವ ಸಮ್ಮತವಾಗಿತ್ತು. ಹಾಗೆ ಮಾಡದೆ ಅವರ ಪಾರ್ಟಿಯವರನ್ನೇ ಒಬ್ಬರನ್ನು ಅಲ್ಲಿಗೆ ತಂದರು. ಆದುದರಿಂದ ನಮ್ಮನ್ನು consult ಮಾಡಿದ್ದರೂ ನಮ್ಮ ಇಷ್ಟದಂತೆಯೇನೂ ನಡೆಯುತ್ತಿರಲಿಲ್ಲ. Consultation ಮಾಡಿದ ಮಾತ್ರಕ್ಕೇ ಅದರಂತೆ ನಡೆಯಬೇಕೆಂದೇನೂ ಇಲ್ಲ.

Sri L. SIDDAPPA (Chennagiri).—But courtesy requires that they should consult us.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಹುಚ್ಚೇಗೌಡ.—ಇಂಥ ಸ್ಥಾನಕ್ಕೆ ಒಂದು ಪಾರ್ಟಿಯಿಂದ ಚುನಾಯಿತರಾದ ಮಾತ್ರಕ್ಕೇ ಅವರಿಗೆ ಪಾರ್ಟಿಪರವಾಗಿ ಕೆಲಸಮಾಡಲು disqualification ಆದ ಹಾಗೆ ಎಂದು ನಾನು ಭಾವಿಸುತ್ತಿಲ್ಲ. ಚುನಾಯಿತರಾದಮೇಲೆ ಪಾರ್ಟಿ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಕೆಲಸಕಾರ್ಯಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸುವುದು ಪ್ರಜಾ ಪ್ರಭುತ್ವ ತತ್ವಕ್ಕೆ ಅನುಗುಣವಾಗಿರುವುದಿಲ್ಲವೆಂಬುದು ನನ್ನ ವಾದ. ಆದುದರಿಂದ ಈ ವಿಚಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ಇನ್ನು ಮುಂದಾದರೂ ಒಂದು healthy convention ನಡೆದುಕೊಂಡು ಬರಲಿ ಎಂಬ ಸದುದ್ದೇಶದಿಂದ ನಾವು ಇಂದು ಯಾರನ್ನೂ ಈ ಸ್ಥಾನಕ್ಕೆ ನಿಲ್ಲಿಸಲಿಲ್ಲ, ನಿಲ್ಲಿಸಬೇಕೆಂಬ ಉದ್ದೇಶವೂ ನಮಗಿಲ್ಲ. ಒಂದು ವೇಳೆ ನಿಲ್ಲಿಸಿದ್ದರೂ Road Roller Majority ಇರುವ ಪಕ್ಷದ ಪರವಾಗಿಯೇ ಚುನಾವಣೆಯಾಗುತ್ತಿತ್ತು ಎಂಬುದು ನಮಗೆ ತಿಳಿದಿದೆ. ಹೀಗಿದ್ದರೂ ಸಹ ಈ ಚುನಾವಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ Secret Ballot ಕ್ರಮವನ್ನು ತಪ್ಪಿಸಿ, ಕೈ ಎತ್ತುವ ಕ್ರಮವನ್ನು ಆಚರಣೆಗೆ ತಂದಿದ್ದಾರೆ! ಈ ವರ್ತನೆಯು, ಬಹುಮತವಿರುವ ಅವರಿಗೇ ಅವರವರಲ್ಲಿ ನಂಬಿಕೆ ಇಲ್ಲ, ತಮ್ಮ ಆತ್ಮ ಶಕ್ತಿಯ ವಿಚಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ತಮಗೇ ನಂಬಿಕೆ ಇಲ್ಲವೆಂಬುದನ್ನು ತೋರಿಸುತ್ತದೆ.

ಇಷ್ಟು ಹೇಳಿ, ನಾನು ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಎಸ್. ರುದ್ರಪ್ಪನವರು ಈ ಸ್ಪೀಕರ್ ಸ್ಥಾನಕ್ಕೆ ಪೂರ್ಣ ಅರ್ಹರು, ಆ ಸ್ಥಾನದಲ್ಲಿದ್ದುಕೊಂಡು ನಿಷ್ಪಕ್ಷಪಾತ ಮನೋಭಾವನೆಯಿಂದ ತಮ್ಮ ಕಾರ್ಯವನ್ನು ನೆರವೇರಿಸುತ್ತಾರೆಂಬ ವಿಚಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ನಮಗೆಲ್ಲಾ ಪೂರ್ಣ ಭರವಸೆ ಇದೆಯೆಂದು ತಿಳಿಸಿ, ಅವರನ್ನು ಈ ಸ್ಥಾನಕ್ಕೆ ಹೃತ್ಪೂರ್ವಕವಾಗಿ ಸ್ವಾಗತಿಸಿ, ಈ ಸೂಚನೆಗೆ ನನ್ನ ಬೆಂಬಲವನ್ನು ಕೊಡುತ್ತೇನೆ.

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA (Leader of the House and Chief Minister).—Sir, the Leader of the Opposition and my Hon'ble friend Sri B. Hutche Gowda have made references to me and to the building up of a convention. If they had not made such references, probably I would not have spoken.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—We wanted you to speak.

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—I may at once say that I am in agreement with the Leader of the Opposition that good conventions must be created. I would have myself been very happy if I had the occasion to consult the Leader of the Opposition. As Sri B. Hutche Gowda himself admitted, last time, I did consult them but there was no agreement in regard to the approach of the matter. He himself has admitted it. This time we were unable to decide upon the candidate till the very last minute. It was almost two hours before the actual nomination was to be filed that the name was finalised. You will therefore see whether I would have been able to consult you. If I have not been able to consult you, it is not because I wanted to disregard your opinion or that I did not want to consult you but it is because there was hardly any time left for us. That shows there is keen consciousness about the importance of the place. Therefore it is more the importance of the place than any inherent good or bad nature in the Members. Therefore he need not dwell upon it greatly if there was not consultation this time. In order to establish good conventions I would advise him to take a different course of attitude altogether and not come here and make a big speech in order to put the Government or me personally in the wrong. That is not a good way of building up convention. In arguments on a situation, it is easy to win a point but it is very difficult to win the hearts of the people. Either I or anybody may try to win a point in an argument or try to put the other party in an awkward situation. But this is hardly a place to gain the goodwill of the party or the other side, nor it would be a

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happy convention. If you had told me privately before the very same words you have so pontifically put forward now on the floor of the House, it would have had a better effect. If, as you say, the Opposition is sincere in building up good conventions, let it not try to win a point, let it not try to put any other person in an awkward situation in this House or in the Press or in the country. That is not the way of building up convention.

(*Interruption*)

Teaching can be done and whether we are just in a position to teach better I do not want to discuss because I do not want to spoil the good atmosphere that has developed. I would like to omit some of the phraseologies he has used. He claims the right to "guide the ruling party." I do not suppose any Leader of the Opposition could use a phrase like "guiding the ruling party."

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—In the right path.

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—And also to use "road roller majority, tyrannical majority", etc. Such expressions are not very happy. It does not solve the problem.

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It may be that some general propositions might be put down by Hon'ble Members on the other side. I want an atmosphere to be created with the goodwill of all the Members of this House and then a situation would arise when not only mutual consultation is possible, but also unanimous election is a certainty. There is a form and substance in every matter. Let us not emphasise the form too much, having a great deal of differences in substance. That happy consulting stage arises when every body concerned almost feels unanimously that this is the inevitable person for being chosen as Speaker. When you have certain ideas, and when there are several ideas on our side, you must see how difficult it is to build a convention in substance--I am not concerned about the form. These are the difficulties in the way. If you are earnest about creating good conventions, let us tackle these difficulties in advance and informally and you will see that the results will be to your satisfaction and to my satisfaction. I hope at least this good convention will be started in future and the subsequent convention spoken about by you would be based on it.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—The question is:

"That Sri H. S. Rudrappa be elected as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly."

The motion was adopted unanimously.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—I now declare Sri H. S. Rudrappa as the elected Speaker of this Assembly. I call upon the mover and the seconder of the motion to kindly conduct the Speaker to the Chair.

(*Sri H. S. Rudrappa was installed in the Speaker's seat at 1-32 p.m. to the applause of the House.*)

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—Sir, before I congratulate you, I want to congratulate the Hon'ble Leader of the Opposition and the Hon'ble Members of the Opposition for making it possible for you to be elected unanimously. That is a gesture they have shown. As Leader of the House, I appreciate the gesture and congratulate them. I am sure that their gesture itself will be a guiding star for you to be impartial and conduct yourself beyond any suspicion or a shadow of doubt. In fact, if ultimately it is found that you are the personification of impartiality, that will be an achievement of the Party to which you had the honour to belong. Thereby the Congress Party will have made a contribution to democracy and we can justly feel proud of it.

Sir, I know you personally. I have seen you working in the political field for the last 15 years. You have worked in your District; you have worked in the wider field, namely, the State and you have worked in a still wider field, namely, INDIA. You were a Member of the District Board; subsequently you became the President of the District Board; and I have heard people say that you have worked with efficiency and integrity. You have

been a Member of the Legislature in Mysore State previously as well as now. You have always contributed to the debates and discussion by your thoughtful speeches which have been universally appreciated. It may be that your have not spoken with that oratorical power that some others are capable of. But your solid contributions have been informed with sincerity and patriotism. You were my colleague in the Indian Parliament at Delhi, and I know with what sincerity of outlook you used to view the problems that came before the Parliament. Therefore, all your legislative and administrative career has been one of universal approval and approbation. So far as your services to the country are concerned, they need hardly be dilated upon now. You are one of those who fought for freedom. You are one of those who suffered in the cause of Freedom. You are one of those who have made every kind of sacrifice that is possible for an Indian to make during these fifteen years in order to see that this land of ours not only becomes independent, but also economically and otherwise progressive. You have suffered imprisonments as many times as some of us did. You have deprived yourself of your professional income. All these things are there. These will be recorded not only in the proceedings of this House, but in the history and it will be said that you have been one of those undaunted soldiers of the Freedom battle. Today you have been called upon to occupy one of the highest offices in the land, namely, the Speaker. In the order of precedence, as you know, after the Chief Minister comes the Speaker or the Chairman as the case may be. The dignity attached to the office is so great and everybody realises it. It is only my fervent and fond hope that every one of us who gets these high places must come up to expectations. This is not the time to assess the individual worth of persons who occupied this office up to now. This is an occasion for us to congratulate. Impartiality is the hall-mark of this Office. Not only must you be impartial between party and party, but also between group and group, between community and community, between person and person. Impartiality does not merely mean carrying out the provisions of the Rules in letter without having much regad for the substance. As I said, the impress of impartiality must be felt individually and collectively and politically. I know the difficulty. In fact, I once declined to be the Speaker because I thought I was incapable of being impartial. It requires a great deal of restraint to be exercised on one's thought and one's speech and personal conduct even. Most of us who have been active political workers have found it very hard to exercise that amount of restraint in this office. I bow to that individual who, in spite of having been a live political worker, exercises that amount of impartiality in his speech and conduct when he assumes this high office. That is the test of human personality. How many people can come up to that standard is the question that this House puts, that the country puts and that every one of us puts. As I said, I have got the greatest respect for that individual who exercises, that self-imposed control on himself in order to make a success of this office. He is the man who has to be respected not merely when he occupies the Chair, but even after he leaves the office that respect must go with him. I expect, knowing you as I do, that you will come up to these expectations; there will not be even a whisper that you are supporting this person or that personor this group that group. If that whisper is heard, or your office may not go, but your reputation will surely go. After all success in life, as I have often said, does not consist of occupying a series of offices one after the other. True success is what is given to an individual, if he proves to the world that no other individual could have done that work in that office better; if that feeling and if that reputation grows, that is success according to me and I have every hope that you will rise to that expectation. I know you to be impartial by nature. I know you to be incapable of an extreme attitude.

(SRI K. HANUMANTHAIYA.)

These are the qualities which have made every one of us, whether in this Party or in the Opposition, to accept you unanimously as Speaker. That faith should not be abused, or misused; that faith not only must be nursed, but, as the Leader of the Opposition has said—I subscribe to his views—when the General Election comes, let us also build up a tradition that the Speaker is returned unopposed. These are conventions and these are traditions that you have to build and for which I will be very happy. It is for this reason that I congratulated the Leader of the Opposition in the first instance for laying the solid foundations for these good conventions. I congratulate you heartily. May be that there are others to speak and it is but right. On behalf of the House, I convey to you our great pleasure and the implicit faith this House has in your goodness, in your impartiality and in your integrity.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Sir, it is my pleasant duty to congratulate you on your election to this important office. Sir, as I said, personally I am very glad and the members of my Party who know you very well are also highly pleased on your election to this office. Sir, we know each other for a very long time and we know each other quite enough. In that high office which you are called upon to occupy, I know you will acquit yourself very well and your services will be remembered not only by the present generation but also by the posterity. We are very good friends not only because we have worked together, but also due to other reasons. As a personal friend, I am very glad that you have been elected to this office of Speaker. Sir, you have worked in several capacities; you have worked in the Assemblies and as pointed out by the Leader of the House, whether you were within the jail or outside it, I must say that you are one of those who have rendered important service to the State.

Sir, as I pointed out, this is a very important office and the destiny of 105 members are entrusted to you. They always look up to you for protection and for establishing healthy conventions and traditions, Sir, we know that some of the rulings and conventions established in Parliament centuries ago, are still being quoted. I am sure that under your Speakership, you will be quite impartial as pointed out by the Leader of the House and you will be quite fair. I am quite certain that when you are there, you will discard all party affiliations and your main concern will be to guide this House in the right path, to give protection to those who are really in need of it. Sir, I may point out that the Opposition here, though effective, is still in an infant stage. We are not powerful in number, but still I may place before you and you are also aware that the Opposition is guided with sincerity of purpose of serving the State. I am certain that you will uphold the rights and privileges of the members of this House in general and of the Opposition in particular. On behalf of myself and my party let me express my sincere and hearty congratulations on your having been elected to this office. May God bless you and make your regime to be such as it would be ever remembered by the future generation.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO (Tumkur).—Mr. Speaker, Sir, it is a rare privilege to get an opportunity of making a congratulatory speech on the floor of this House. The opportunity is rare because we elect, ordinarily, a Speaker once in five years and but for the sad and untimely demise of the previous incumbent of this high office, we should not have had this second occasion on which we could express our feelings of gratification that a person of your attainments has had the opportunity of filling that high office. It does not, however, happen that the Leader of the House or any member of the Cabinet gets this privilege of listening to congratulatory speech concerning himself. Therefore, Sir, I must say, the Hon'ble the Chief Minister and the other members of the Cabinet envy perhaps, this privilege, which belongs especially to the Speaker, of listening to congratulatory speeches concerning oneself.

Apart from that, Sir, I should like to say how gratifying it is to

me personally, to be able to say how happy we all feel that a comrade, a colleague and a personal friend like yourself should have been chosen to fill this high office. The Hon'ble the Chief Minister has made reference to the public services rendered by you in various fields and in different capacities. Without desiring to repeat all those observations, I should like to say that wherever you have worked, and I have had the privilege of being associated with you as a colleague, you have left the impress of your unassuming and sweet manner, the impress of dignity which naturally belongs to you and the impress of your outlook on service. Sir, you are not one of those who regard the attainment of high office as a piece of personal good fortune or as a personal reward for political meritorious service rendered either to the party or the country. I am sure, knowing you as I do, you are one of those rare individuals who consider the attainment of high office as a rare opportunity afforded to a person to work according to his own light in the cause of democracy, and in the larger interest of the country.

Sir, I have no desire to make a long speech. I should like to say that this House will extend to you its utmost co-operation in enabling you to hold the scales even and to translate into legislative practice the ideal of not mere impartiality but of a constructive and informed objectivity. Sir, I extend to you my personal congratulation and I hope that good and noble traditions that belong to the office of Speaker in the State of Mysore will be further enriched and will remain the positive contribution to the history of democracy with which we have just made a beginning in this country of ours.

ಶ್ರೀ ಆರ್. ಚೆನ್ನಿಗರಾಮಯ್ಯ (ಕೊರಟಗೆರೆ ಮಧುಗಿರಿ - ಅನುಸೂಚಿತ ಜಾತಿಗಳು).—ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರೆ, ತಮ್ಮ ಚುನಾವಣೆಯು ಯಾವ ಪ್ರತಿಸ್ಪರ್ಧಿಯೂ ಇಲ್ಲದಹಾಗೆ ಆದದ್ದರಿಂದ ಮತ್ತು ತಾವು ಈ ಸ್ಥಾನಕ್ಕೆ ಅರ್ಹರಾಗಿ ಚುನಾಯಿತರಾದದ್ದರಿಂದ ನಾನು ಸಂಪೂರ್ಣವಾಗಿ ತಮ್ಮನ್ನು ಅಭಿನಂದಿಸುವುದಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ನಿಂತಿದ್ದೇನೆ. ತಮ್ಮಲ್ಲಿ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರಾಗಿ ನಿಬಾಯಿಸ ತಕ್ಕಂಥ ಸರ್ವ ಗುಣಗಳೂ ಇವೆಯೆಂದು ತಿಳಿದು ಕೊಂಡೇ ನಾವುಗಳು ತಮ್ಮನ್ನು ಯುನಾನಿಮಸ್ಸಾಗಿ ಸಂತೋಷದಿಂದ ಚುನಾವಣೆ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದೇವೆ. ತಾವು ಬಹಳ ವರ್ಷಗಳಿಂದ ಪ್ರಜಾಸೇವೆಮಾಡಿದ್ದೀರಿ, ಕಾಂಗ್ರೆಸ್ಸಿನಲ್ಲದ್ದು ಬಹಳವಾಗಿ ದುಡಿದಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಈಗ ತಾನೆ ಸಭಾನಾಯಕರು ಅಪ್ಪಣೆಕೊಡಿಸಿದ ಹಾಗೆ, ಡಿಸ್ಟ್ರಿಕ್ಟ್ ಬೋರ್ಡ್ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರಾಗಿದ್ದಿರಿ ಮತ್ತು ಕಾಂಗ್ರೆಸ್ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸೇರಿ ಜೈಲಿಗೆ ಹೋಗಿ ಬಹಳ ಕಷ್ಟವನ್ನು ಅನುಭವಿಸಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಹೀಗೆ ದೇಶಕ್ಕೆ ತಾವು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿರುವ ಸೇವೆ, ಮತ್ತು ತಮ್ಮ ಶಕ್ತಿ, ಸಾಮರ್ಥ್ಯ ಅಸಾಧಾರಣವಾಗಿವೆ. ತಮ್ಮಲ್ಲಿರತಕ್ಕ ಪ್ರತಿಯೊಂದು ಗುಣಗಳೂ ಈ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷಸ್ಥಾನಕ್ಕೆ ಅರ್ಹವಾಗಿರತಕ್ಕವೇ ಆಗಿವೆ. ಈ ಸಭೆಯ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರಾಗಿರುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಬೇಕಾದ ಸರ್ವಗುಣಗಳೂ ತಮ್ಮಲ್ಲಿವೆಯೆಂಬ ನಂಬಿಕೆಯಿಟ್ಟು ತಮ್ಮನ್ನು ಚುನಾವಣೆ ಮಾಡಿದಮೇಲೆ ನಾನು ತಮ್ಮನ್ನು ಅಭಿನಂದಿಸುವ ಕಾಲದಲ್ಲಿ ತಾವು ಹೇಗಿರ ಬೇಕು, ಹೇಗೆ ನಡೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕು ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಲು ಪ್ರಯತ್ನ ಪಡುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಏಕೆಂದರೆ ತಾವು ಈ ಸ್ಥಾನಕ್ಕೆ ಬರುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಮುಂಚೆ ಶಾಸನ ಸಭೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಬಹಳ ವರ್ಷಗಳಿಂದ ಇದ್ದು ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು ಕೊಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದ ರೂಲಿಂಗ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ನೋಡಿದ್ದೀರಿ ಮತ್ತು ಪಾರ್ಲಿಮೆಂಟಿನಲ್ಲೂ ಸೇವೆ ಮಾಡಿ ಅಲ್ಲಿ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು ಕೊಡುವ ರೂಲಿಂಗುಗಳನ್ನೂ ಸಹ ನೋಡಿ ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ಅನುಭವ ಪಡೆದಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ಹೊಸದಾಗಿ ಹೇಳುವುದು ನನ್ನ ಯೋಗ್ಯತೆಗೆ ಮೀರಿದೆಯೆಂದು ನಾನು ಭಾವಿಸಿದ್ದೇನೆ. ತಮ್ಮ ದಕ್ಷತೆಯ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ನನಗೆ ಸಂಪೂರ್ಣ ನಂಬಿಕೆಯಿದೆ. ಭಗವಂತನು ತಮಗೆ ಈ ಸಭೆಯ ಕಾರ್ಯಕಲಾಪಗಳನ್ನು ಯಶಸ್ವಿಯಾಗಿಯೂ, ದಕ್ಷತೆಯಿಂದಲೂ ನಡೆಸಿಕೊಂಡು ಹೋಗುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಸರ್ವಶಕ್ತಿಯನ್ನೂ ಕೊಡಲೆಂದು ಪ್ರಾರ್ಥನೆ ಮಾಡಿ ವೈಯಕ್ತಿಕವಾಗಿ ತಮಗೆ ನನ್ನ ಸರ್ವಸಹಕಾರವನ್ನೂ ನೀಡುತ್ತೇನೆಂದು ಭರವಸೆ ಕೊಡುತ್ತೇನೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಪಟ್ಟಾಭಿರಾಮ್ (ಕೋಲಾರ).—ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸಭಾಪತಿಗಳೆ, ತಾವು ಈ ಸಭೆಯ ಸಭಾಪತಿಗಳಾಗಿ ಆರಿಸಿ ಬಂದಿರುವ ಈ ಸುಸಂದಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ತಮ್ಮನ್ನು ಹೃತ್ಪೂರ್ವಕವಾಗಿ ಅಭಿನಂದಿಸಲು ನಿಂತಿದ್ದೇನೆ. ನನಗೆ ಈ ದಿವಸ ಮಹದಾನಂದವಾಗಿದೆಯೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದರೆ ಅದು ಉತ್ಪ್ರೇಕ್ಷೆಯಾಗಲಾರದು. ನಾನೂ ನೀವೂ ಒಡನಾಡಿಗಳಾಗಿ ಅನೇಕ ವರ್ಷಗಳ ಕಾಲ ಅನೇಕ ಸಂದರ್ಭಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಜೊತೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ತಿರುಗಿದ್ದೇವೆ, ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದೇವೆ, ಜೈಲಿನಲ್ಲಿ ವಾಸಮಾಡಿದ್ದೇವೆ. ಈ ರೀತಿಯಾಗಿ ತಮ್ಮ ಗುಣಗಳನ್ನು ಪ್ರತ್ಯಕ್ಷವಾಗಿ ವಿಶಾಲವಾದ ರೀತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ತಿಳಿದುಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ನನಗೆ ಬಹಳ ಅವಕಾಶ ದೊರೆತಿತ್ತು. ನಾನು ಈ ಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಒಂದು ವಿಚಿತ್ರವಾದ ಸ್ಥಾನದಲ್ಲಿದ್ದೇನೆ, ಈ ಮಾತನ್ನು ಕಳೆದ 2½ ವರ್ಷಗಳಿಂದ ಹೇಳುತ್ತಿದ್ದೇನೆ. ಈ ದಿವಸ ನನ್ನ ವಿಚಿತ್ರಸ್ಥಾನ ಇನ್ನೂ ಸ್ಥಿರಪಟ್ಟಿತು. ಇದ ದೇವರೇ ಕಾರಣ ಎಂದು ಕಾಣುತ್ತದೆ. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ನನಗೆ ಸಂತೋಷವೇ. ಆದರೆ ಶ್ರೀ ಮಾರ್ ಹುಚ್ಚೇಗೌಡರು ನನ್ನ ಹೆಸರನ್ನು ಪ್ರಾಸಂಗಿಕವಾಗಿ ಇಲ್ಲ ತರದಿದ್ದರೆ ಚೆನ್ನಾಗಿತ್ತು. ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಇಷ್ಟು ಮಾತ್ರ ಹೇಳಬಹುದು. ಈ ಸಭೆಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರೆಲ್ಲರಿಗೂ ಮತ್ತು ಮುಖ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳಿಗೂ ವಿನಯದಿಂದ ಒಂದು ಮಾತನ್ನು ಹೇಳುತ್ತೇನೆ. ಎರಡು ವರ್ಷಗಳ ಹಿಂದೆ ನನಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟಂತೆ ನಡೆದ ಒಂದು ಪ್ರಸಂಗವನ್ನು ಶ್ರೀ ಹುಚ್ಚೇಗೌಡರು ಈ ದಿವಸ ಹೊರಪಡಿಸಿದರೂ ಅದು ಎಳ್ಳಷ್ಟೂ ನನ್ನ ಮೇಲೆ ಯಾವ ಪರಿಣಾಮವನ್ನೂ ಉಂಟುಮಾಡಿಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು ಕಳೆದ 2½ ವರ್ಷಗಳ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮದಿಂದ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಪಡಿಸಿ ಸಂಪೂರ್ಣವಾದ

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ನಂಬಿಕೆ ಮತ್ತು ವಿಶ್ವಾಸವನ್ನು ಉಂಟು ಮಾಡಿಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದೇನೆ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಬಲ್ಲೆ. ಅದೇ ನಂಬಿಕೆ ಇನ್ನು ಮುಂದೆ ಕೂಡ 2½ ವರ್ಷಗಳು ಈ ಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲರುವವರೆಗೂ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ. ಶ್ರೀಮಾನ್ ಸಿದ್ದಯ್ಯನವರ ಚುನಾವಣೆಯಾದಾಗಲೂ ಮತ್ತು ತಮ್ಮ ಚುನಾವಣೆ ಯಾದಾಗಲೂ ನನಗೆ ಸಂತೋಷವುಂಟಾಗಿದೆ. 2½ ವರ್ಷಗಳ ಹಿಂದೆ ನಡೆದ ಆ ಪ್ರಸಂಗ, ಮತ್ತು ನನ್ನ ಹೆಸರು ಈ ಸಮಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಬರಬಾರದಾಗಿತ್ತು. ತಾವು ಈ ಸಭೆಯ ಸಭಾಪತಿಗಳಾಗಿ ಚುನಾಯಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟಿರುವುದಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಬಹಳ ಸಂತೋಷಪಡುತ್ತೇನೆ. ತಮ್ಮಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಸ್ಥಾನಕ್ಕೆ ಬೇಕಾದ ವಿಶಿಷ್ಟಗುಣಗಳೂ ಇವೆ. ತಿರುವಾಂಕೂರು ಕೊಚ್ಚಿನ್ ಸಂಸ್ಥಾನದಲ್ಲಿ ನಾವು ಪ್ರವಾಸ ಮಾಡುವಾಗ ಹತ್ತಾರು ದಿನಗಳು ರಾತ್ರಿ ಹನ್ನೊಂದು ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೂ ಅಲ್ಲಲ್ಲಿ ತಿರುಗುತ್ತಾ, ರಾಜಕೀಯ ವಿಚಾರಗಳನ್ನೂ ಮತ್ತು ಬೇರೆ ಸಮಸ್ಯೆಗಳನ್ನೂ ಚರ್ಚೆ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದೆವು. ಆ ದಿವಸ ತಮ್ಮ ಮನಸ್ಸು ಎಷ್ಟು ವಿಶಾಲವಾದುದು, ಎಷ್ಟು ವಿತರಣೆಯಿಂದ ತಾವು ಯೋಚನೆ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೀರಿ, ದೇಶದ ಕ್ಲಿಷ್ಟ ಸಮಸ್ಯೆಗಳನ್ನು ಹೇಗೆ ಬಿಡಿಸುತ್ತೀರಿ, ಹಾಗೆ ಬಿಡಿಸುವಾಗ ತಮ್ಮ ಮನಸ್ಸು ಎಷ್ಟು ನೋಯುತ್ತಿತ್ತು, ಅವನ್ನು ನೋಡಿ ದೇಶಾಭಿಮಾನದಿಂದ ತಾವು ಹೇಗೆ ಸಂಕಟಪಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಿರಿ ಎಂಬುದನ್ನೆಲ್ಲಾ ಪ್ರೀತಿಯಿಂದ ನೋಡಿದ ನಾನು ಈ ದಿವಸ ಮುಕ್ತಕಂಠದಿಂದ ತಮಗೆ ಅಭಿನಂದನೆಗಳನ್ನು ಸಮರ್ಪಿಸದೇ ಹೋದರೆ ತಪ್ಪಾದೀತು.

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ಪ್ರಾಯಶಃ ನಾನು ಇದುವರೆಗೂ ತಮ್ಮಲ್ಲಿ ಎಷ್ಟು ಸಲಗೆ, ಸರಸ ಸಲ್ಲಾಪಗಳಿಂದ ಮಾತನಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದೆನೋ ಹಾಗೆ ಇನ್ನು ಮುಂದೆ ತಾವು ಈ ಅಗ್ರಸ್ಥಾನವನ್ನು ಅಲಂಕರಿಸಿದಮೇಲೆ ಮಾತನಾಡಲು ನನಗೆ ತಪ್ಪಿಹೋಯಿತಲ್ಲಾ ಎಂಬ ಒಂದು ಚಿಂತೆ ಮಾತ್ರ ನನ್ನನ್ನು ಬಾಧಿಸುತ್ತಿದೆಯೇ ಹೊರತು, ತಾವು ಈ ಸ್ಥಾನಕ್ಕೆ ಅತ್ಯಂತ ಅರ್ಹತೆ ಪಡೆದವರು ಎಂಬ ಪೂರ್ಣ ನಂಬಿಕೆ ನನಗಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ತಮ್ಮನ್ನು ಬಹಳ ಸಂತೋಷದಿಂದ ಅಭಿನಂದಿಸುತ್ತೇನೆ. ತಮ್ಮ ಕೆಲಸ ಕಾರ್ಯ ಬಹು ವಿಚಕ್ಷಣೆಯಿಂದ ನಡೆಯುತ್ತದೆಂಬ ಪೂರ್ಣ ನಂಬಿಕೆ ನನಗಿದೆ. ಸಭಾನಾಯಕರು ತಮ್ಮ ಭಾಷಣದಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಸಭೆಯ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷಸ್ಥಾನದ ಶ್ರೇಷ್ಠತೆಯನ್ನು ಕುರಿತು ಅದು seat of impartiality ಎಂಬ ಅರ್ಥ ಬರುವಂತೆ ಬಹಳ ಚೆನ್ನಾಗಿ ಹೇಳಿದರು. ಆ ಸ್ಥಾನಕ್ಕೆ ತಕ್ಕಂತೆ ನಿರ್ದಾಕ್ಷಿಣ್ಯ ಮನೋಭಾವನೆಯಿಂದ, ನಿಷ್ಪಕ್ಷಪಾತದೃಷ್ಟಿಯಿಂದ ತಾವು ವರ್ತಿಸಿ ಆ ಸ್ಥಾನಕ್ಕೆ ಮತ್ತಷ್ಟು ಬೆಳಕನ್ನು ಬರುತ್ತೀರೆಂಬ ವಿಚಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ನನಗೆ ಪೂರ್ಣ ಭರವಸೆಯಿದೆ. ಈ ರೀತಿ ತಾವು ವರ್ತಿಸಿ ತಮ್ಮ ಕಾರ್ಯ ಯಶಸ್ವಿಯಾಗಲು ನಮ್ಮೆಲ್ಲರ ಸಹಕಾರವನ್ನು ಯಾವ ಪ್ರಮಾಣದಲ್ಲಿ ತಾವು ನಿರೀಕ್ಷಿಸುತ್ತೀರೋ ಅದು ಪೂರ್ಣವಾಗಿ ತಮಗೆ ಲಭಿಸುತ್ತದೆಂದು ನಾನು ತಮಗೆ ಆಶ್ವಾಸನವನ್ನು ಕೊಡುತ್ತೇನೆ. ತಮಗೆ ಅನಿರೀಕ್ಷಿತ ಸಂದರ್ಭದ ಫಲವಾಗಿ ಈಗ 2½ ವರ್ಷ ಕಾಲ ಮಾತ್ರ ಈ ಸ್ಥಾನ ದೊರೆತಿರುವುದು ಪ್ರಯೋಗಾರ್ಥವಾಗಿ ಎಂದು ನಾನು ಭಾವಿಸಿದ್ದೇನೆ. ಮುಂದಿನ ಭವಿಷ್ಯ ದೃಷ್ಟಿಯಿಂದ ಈ ಪ್ರಯೋಗ ಪರೀಕ್ಷೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ತಾವು ಜಯಭೇರಿ ಹೊಡೆದು ಅದನ್ನು ಶಾಶ್ವತ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೀರೆಂಬ ಪೂರ್ಣ ಭರವಸೆ ಮತ್ತು ನಂಬಿಕೆ ನನಗಿದೆ. ಈ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಸಭಾನಾಯಕರು ಸಹ ತಮ್ಮ 2½ ವರ್ಷಗಳಕಾಲದ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷ ಸ್ಥಾನ ಪೂರ್ಣವಾಗಿ ಬೆಳಗಲಿ ಎಂದು ಆಶ್ವಾಸನವನ್ನು ಕೊಟ್ಟಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಈ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಒಂದು convention ಸಂಪ್ರದಾಯವನ್ನು ಈಗಲೇ ಬೇಕಾದರೆ ಹಾಕಲಿ. ಬರುವ ಮಹಾಚುನಾವಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ತಮಗೇ ಈ ಸ್ಥಾನ ಅವಿರೋಧವಾಗಿ ದೊರೆಯತಕ್ಕದ್ದು ಎಂದು ಬೇಕಾದರೆ ಒಂದು ಸತ್ಸಂಪ್ರದಾಯವನ್ನು ಹಾಕಲಿ, ಅದನ್ನು ನಾನು ಹೃತ್ಪೂರ್ವಕವಾಗಿ ಸ್ವಾಗತಿಸುತ್ತೇನೆ. ಜಗನ್ನಿಯಾಮಕನು ತಮಗೆ ಈ 2½ ವರ್ಷಗಳ ಕಾಲದಲ್ಲಿ ಅಗ್ರಸ್ಥಾನಕ್ಕೆ ಪೂಜ್ಯತೆ ಲಭಿಸುವಂತೆ ಕರುಣಿಸಲಿ. ತಾವು ದಕ್ಷರು, ಕಾರ್ಯಧುರೀಣರು, ನಿಷ್ಪಕ್ಷಪಾತಿಗಳು ಎಂಬ ಕೀರ್ತಿಗೆ ಪಾತ್ರರಾಗಲು ಸರ್ವ ಶಕ್ತಿಯನ್ನು ಕೊಡಲಿ ಎಂದು ಹಾರೈಸುತ್ತೇನೆ. ಇಂಗ್ಲೆಂಡ್ ದೇಶದಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರ್ಲಿಮೆಂಟ್ ಸ್ಪೀಕರ್ ಸ್ಥಾನಕ್ಕೆ ಪ್ರತಿಸ್ಪರ್ಧೆಯೇ ಇಲ್ಲದೆ, ಆ ಸ್ಥಾನವನ್ನಲಂಕರಿಸಿರುವವರು ನಿವೃತ್ತಿ ಹೊಂದುವವರೆಗೂ ಹಾಗೆಯೇ ಅವರಿಗೇ ಲಭ್ಯವಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಇದೊಂದು convention ಅಲ್ಲಿ ಹಲವು ವರ್ಷಗಳಿಂದ ಬೆಳೆದುಕೊಂಡು ಬಂದಿದೆ. ಅಂಥ ಸತ್ಸಂಪ್ರದಾಯ ನಮ್ಮಲ್ಲಿ ಬೇಗ ಬರಲಿ ಎಂದು ಹಾರೈಸಿ, ತಮಗೆ ಈ ಉಚ್ಚಸ್ಥಾನ ದೊರೆತಿರುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಹೃತ್ಪೂರ್ವಕ ಸ್ವಾಗತವನ್ನು ನೀಡುತ್ತೇನೆ.

Sri L. SIDDAPPA (Chennnagiri).—Sir, I take this opportunity of expressing my genuine pleasure at your unanimous election as the Speaker of this Hon'ble House and to congratulate you on that. I have known you, Sir, from your boyhood, from your student days, when I and you were members of a Boarding Home (Veerasaiva hostel) in Nagar Division. I knew even in those days that you were showing signs of leadership. Later, Sir, after you passed your Law Degree examination and entered the legal profession, then also you showed conspicuous ability as lawyer and organiser. I recall to memory a conference which you organised in Honnali Taluk. It was a splendid conference which you were able to organise. By the way in which you conducted yourself you had become endeared to each and every one not only in your taluk but also in the neighbouring taluks. This goes to show what great qualities you possessed. I again recall to my memory that when you and your friend the Hon'ble the Revenue Minister—because both of you entered public life and parlamentary life together—what great sacrifices you were making and what great services you were rendering to people. Incidentally I may tell today no one is more pleased on your election as Speaker than my friend the Hon'ble the Minister. Another instance also comes to my mind. Some time back

when an office was offered to you, when a lucrative post was offered to you, you declined it. Then I happened to tell you that you should not reject it; but then you told me that by accepting that office, you would be losing contact with the masses and that you will not be in a position to render as much service as you would if you were free from that office. What a wise decision you took I was able to realise when I and you and the then District Board President Sri Badri Narayan and Sri N. G. Rudrappa were touring the distress affected areas of Shimoga District. People were looking to you for help, for relief. Then I realised that the decision that you took was a wise decision. Sir, I do not want to say anything more on this occasion. I wholeheartedly congratulate you on your unanimous election and wish you all success.

ಶ್ರೀ ಪಿ. ಆರ್. ರಾಮಯ್ಯ (ಬಸವನಗುಡಿ).— ಸ್ವಾಮಿ, ಇದುವರೆಗೆ ಆದ ಅಭಿನಂದನೆಯ ಭಾಷಣಗಳೊಡನೆ ನಾನೂ ಭಾಗಿಯಾಗಲು ಹರ್ಷಿಸಿ, ಕೆಲವು ಸಲಹೆಗಳನ್ನು ಮಾಡಲು ನಿಂತಿರುತ್ತೇನೆ. ಈ ಸಭೆಯು ನೂರು ಜನರ ಮೇಲೆ ಸದಸ್ಯರನ್ನೊಳಗೊಂಡಿದೆ. ಈ ಸಭೆಗೆ ಬರತಕ್ಕ ಸದಸ್ಯರು adult franchise ಚುನಾವಣಾಕ್ರಮದ ಮೇಲೆ ಚುನಾಯಿತರಾಗಿ ಸಂಸ್ಥಾನದ ನಾನಾ ಭಾಗಗಳಿಂದ ಬರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಮತ್ತು ಜನರ ಆಶೋತ್ತರಗಳೇನು ಎಂಬುದನ್ನು ತಮ್ಮ ಮೂಲಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರಿಗೆ, ಈ ಸಭೆಗೆ ನಿವೇದಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಬರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಇಂಗ್ಲೆಂಡಿನ ಪಾರ್ಲಿಮೆಂಟಿನಲ್ಲಿ 640 ಜನ ಸದಸ್ಯರಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಅಲ್ಲಿ ಸಭಾಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು ಈಗ 640 ಜನ ಸದಸ್ಯರಿಗೆ ಯಾವ ರೀತಿ ಅವಕಾಶವನ್ನು ಕೊಡುತ್ತಾರೆಂಬುದನ್ನು ನೋಡಿದರೆ, ಅಲ್ಲಿ ಕಾಲಾವಕಾಶ ಬಹಳವಾಗಿದೆಯೆಂಬುದು ನಮಗೆ ಅರಿವಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಅಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರ್ಲಿಮೆಂಟ್ ಅಧಿವೇಶನ ಬಹಳ ದಿನಗಳು ನಡೆಯುತ್ತದೆ. ಆ ರೀತಿಯ ಅವಕಾಶ ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಸಭಾಸದಸ್ಯರಿಗಿಲ್ಲ. ಆದುದರಿಂದ ಇರತಕ್ಕ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಕಾಶದಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರತಿಯೊಂದು ಚುನಾವಣೆ ಸ್ಥಾನದಿಂದ ಬಂದಿರತಕ್ಕ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ತಮ್ಮ ಚುನಾವಣೆ ಸ್ಥಾನಗಳಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಜನರ ಕುಂದು ಕೊರತೆಗಳನ್ನು ನಿವಾರಿಸಲು ಅವುಗಳನ್ನು ಈ ಸಭೆಯ ಮೂಲಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ತಿಳಿಸಿ ಉಪಕಾರಮಾಡಬೇಕಾಗಿದೆ. ಆದುದರಿಂದ ಈ ಸಭೆಯ ಕಾಲ ಅತ್ಯಮೂಲ್ಯವಾದುದು. ಈ ಕಾಲವನ್ನು ಎಷ್ಟುಮಟ್ಟಿಗೆ ಎಲ್ಲ ಸದಸ್ಯರಿಗೂ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಉಪಯುಕ್ತವಾಗುವ ರೀತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ವಿನಿಯೋಗಿಸಬೇಕೆಂಬ ಬಗ್ಗೆ, ಈಗ್ಗೆ 2½ ವರ್ಷಗಳ ಕಾಲಾವಧಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಿರ್ಧರಿಸಲು ಸಾಧ್ಯವಾಗಿಲ್ಲ. ಇದನ್ನು ಈಗಲಾದರೂ ನಿರ್ಧರಿಸುವ ದೊಡ್ಡ ಜವಾಬ್ದಾರಿ ತಮಗೆ ಸೇರಿದೆ. ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯವಾಗಿ ಈಗ ಒಂದೇ ವಿಷಯದ ಮೇಲೆ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಸದಸ್ಯರೂ ಭಾಷಣ ಮಾಡಲು ಆಸಕ್ತರಾಗಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಕಾಲನಿಯಮವನ್ನು ಗೊತ್ತುಮಾಡಿ, ಯಾರುಯಾರಿಗೆ ಎಷ್ಟೆಷ್ಟು ಕಾಲಾವಕಾಶವನ್ನು ಕೊಡಬಹುದೆಂಬುದನ್ನು ನಿರ್ಧರಿಸಿ, ಆದಷ್ಟುಮಟ್ಟಿಗೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಜನ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ಕಾರ್ಯಕಲಾಪಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸುವ ಅವಕಾಶವನ್ನು ಕಲ್ಪಿಸುವ ದೊಡ್ಡ ಜವಾಬ್ದಾರಿ ತಮಗೆ ಸೇರಿದೆ. ಈ ಸಭೆಗೆ ಬಂದ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ತಮ್ಮ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರದ ಜನರ ಕುಂದುಕೊರತೆಗಳ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯವನ್ನು ವ್ಯಕ್ತಪಡಿಸಲು ಅವಕಾಶವಿರುವಂತೆ ತಾವು ಏರ್ಪಡಿಸಬೇಕಾಗಿದೆ. ಈ ಸಭೆ ಕಾನೂನು, ಸಂಪ್ರದಾಯಗಳ ಸಮುದಾಯ ಮಾತ್ರವೇ ಅಲ್ಲ. ಇಂಗ್ಲೆಂಡ್ ಪಾರ್ಲಿಮೆಂಟ್ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರ ಚರಿತ್ರೆಗಳನ್ನೂ ಮತ್ತು ಅವರು ಮಾಡಿರುವ ಕೆಲಸಗಳನ್ನೂ ನೋಡಿದರೆ, ಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಒಂದು ಉದ್ರೇಕ ವಾತಾವರಣ ಕಲ್ಪಿತವಾದಾಗ ಅದನ್ನು ನ್ಯಾಯ ರೀತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಒಂದು ಹಾಸ್ಯಭರಿತ ರೀತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಡೆಸಿ ಆ ಉದ್ರೇಕವನ್ನು ಹೋಗಲಾಡಿಸಿರುವ ನಿದರ್ಶನ ಕಂಡುಬರುತ್ತದೆ. ನವ್ಯ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರೂ ಸಹ ಇದನ್ನು ವ ನಗಂಡು ಈ ವಿಚಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ತಮ್ಮ ತೀವ್ರ ಗಮನಕೊಟ್ಟು ಸದಸ್ಯರೆಲ್ಲರಿಗೂ ಅನುಕೂಲವನ್ನು ಕಲ್ಪಿಸಿಕೊಡುತ್ತಾರೆಂದು ನಂಬಿಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದೇನೆ. ಈಗಾಗಲೇ ತಮ್ಮ ಅಧಿಕಾರ ಸ್ವೀಕಾರದ ಸಮಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಹಲವು ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ತಮ್ಮ ನಿಷ್ಪಕ್ಷಪಾತ ಮನೋಭಾವ, ತಮ್ಮ ನಿರ್ದಾಕ್ಷಿಣ್ಯ ಕಾರ್ಯ ಪ್ರವೃತ್ತಿಗಳ ವಿಚಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ಬಹಳವಾಗಿ ಹೊಗಳಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಆದುದರಿಂದ ಈ ವಿಚಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ನಾನು ಏನು ಹೇಳಿದರೂ ಅದು ಪುನಃ ಹೇಳಿದಂತಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ತಮ್ಮ ಈ ಅಧಿಕಾರಾವಧಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಮ್ಮ ಮೈಸೂರು ಅಸೆಂಬ್ಲಿಯ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷ ಸ್ಥಾನದ ಕೀರ್ತಿ ಇನ್ನೂ ಹೆಚ್ಚಾಗಲಿ ಎಂದು ಭಗವಂತನನ್ನು ಪ್ರಾರ್ಥನೆ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೇನೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಎಂ. ಚನ್ನಬಸಪ್ಪ (ಪಿರಿಯಾಪಟ್ಟಣ).— ಮಾನ್ಯ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರೇ, ತಾವು ಈ ದಿವಸ ಈ ಸಭೆಯ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರಾಗಿ ಚುನಾಯಿತರಾಗಿರುವುದಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ತಮ್ಮನ್ನು ಅಭಿನಂದಿಸುತ್ತೇನೆ. ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ಹೇಳಿದಂತೆ ತಾವು ಬಹಳ ತ್ಯಾಗಮಾಡಿ ದೇಶಕ್ಕೆ ಬಹು ಮಟ್ಟಿಗೆ ಉಪಕಾರ ಮಾಡಿರುವಿರಿ. ಅನೇಕವೇಳೆ ಅಧಿಕಾರಸ್ಥಾನ ಲಭಿಸತಕ್ಕ ಸಂಭವಗಳು ದೊರೆಕಿದ್ದಾಗ್ಯೂ ಆ ಅಧಿಕಾರ ವ್ಯಾಮೋಹವನ್ನು ಬದಿಗೊತ್ತಿ ದೇಶಸೇವೆ ಮಾಡಿರತಕ್ಕ ನನ್ನಿವೇಶಗಳು ಅನೇಕವಿವೆ. ಈ ದಿವಸ ಪ್ರತಿಸ್ಪರ್ಧಿ ಇಲ್ಲದೆ ತಮ್ಮನ್ನು ಈ ಸ್ಥಾನಕ್ಕೆ ಚುನಾವಣೆಯನ್ನು ಮಾಡಿರುವುದರಲ್ಲಿ ಒಂದು ದೊಡ್ಡ ವೈಶಿಷ್ಟ್ಯವಿದೆ. ವಿರೋಧ ಪಕ್ಷದ ನಾಯಕರು "ಈ ಸಭೆಯ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರಾಗಿರತಕ್ಕವರು ಬಹಳ ನಿಷ್ಪಕ್ಷಪಾತಿಗಳಾಗಿರಬೇಕು, ಪಕ್ಷಪಾತ ಮನೋಭಾವ ಇರಬಾರದು" ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದರು. ತಮ್ಮ ಚುನಾವಣೆಯ ವೈಶಿಷ್ಟ್ಯವೇನು ಎಂಬುದನ್ನು ನಾನು ಹೇಳುವುದಾದರೆ, ಪಕ್ಷಪಾತ ಮಾಡುವುದು ತಮ್ಮಿಂದ ಸಾಧ್ಯವಿಲ್ಲ; ಆಗುವುದೂ ಇಲ್ಲ. ಈ ವಿಶೇಷಗುಣ ತಮ್ಮಲ್ಲಿ ಇದ್ದುದರಿಂದಲೇ ಈ ಸಭೆಯವರ ಪ್ರತಿಸ್ಪರ್ಧಿ ಇಲ್ಲದೆ ತಮ್ಮನ್ನು ಈ ಸ್ಥಾನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಹಳ ಸಂತೋಷದಿಂದ ಚುನಾವಣೆ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಇಂಗ್ಲೆಂಡಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಒಂದು ಒಳ್ಳೆಯ ಸಂಪ್ರದಾಯವಿದೆ. ಈ ಸಭೆಯ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷಸ್ಥಾನದಲ್ಲಿರತಕ್ಕವರು ಅವರಿಗೆ ದುಡಿಯಲು ಶಕ್ತಿ ಇರುವವರೆಗೂ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರಾಗಿರತಕ್ಕ ಸಂಪ್ರದಾಯವಿದೆ. ಅದು ಪಾಸ್ತವಾಂಶ. ಅಂಥ ಒಂದು ಸಂಪ್ರದಾಯವನ್ನು ಕಟ್ಟಲಿಕ್ಕೆ ತಮಗಿಂತಲೂ ಅರ್ಹರಾದವರು ಸಿಕ್ಕುವುದು ಕಷ್ಟವೆಂದು ನಾನು ಧೈರ್ಯವಾಗಿ ಹೇಳಬಲ್ಲೆ. ಏಕೆಂದರೆ ಪಕ್ಷಪಾತವನ್ನು ಮಾಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಹೊರಟರೂ ಅದು ನಿಮ್ಮಿಂದ ಸಾಧ್ಯವಿಲ್ಲ. ನಿಷ್ಪಕ್ಷಪಾತ ಮನೋಭಾವದಿಂದ ಕೂಡಿದ ನಿಮಗೆ ಈ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ಷೇತ್ರ ಒಪ್ಪತಕ್ಕದ್ದು. ಶ್ರೀ ಪಟ್ಟಾಭಿರಾಮರವರು

(ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಎಂ. ಚೆನ್ನಬಸಪ್ಪ.)

ಹೇಳಿದಂತೆ ಈ ಸಭೆಯ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರಾಗಿ ತಾವು ಬಹಳ ಕಾಲವಿದ್ದು ಕೆಲಸಮಾಡುವಂತಾಗಬೇಕೆಂಬುದೇ ನನ್ನ ಆಸೆ. ಈ ಆಸೆ ವಿರೋಧಪಕ್ಷದಲ್ಲೂ ಹುಟ್ಟಬೇಕು. ಜೊತೆಗೆ ತಮ್ಮ ಜುನಾವಣಾ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ತಾವೇ ಖಾಯಂ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರಾಗಲು ಸಹಾಯಕವಾಗುವಂತೆ ಓಟುದಾರರು ನಿಮ್ಮನ್ನು ಜುನಾಯಿಸಬೇಕು. ಈ ಸ್ಥಾನಕ್ಕೆ ತಾವು ತುಂಬ ಅರ್ಹರು, ದಕ್ಷರು ಮತ್ತು ಶಕ್ತರು. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ತಮ್ಮನ್ನು ಆ ಸ್ಥಾನದಲ್ಲಿ ಕೂರಿಸಿದ್ದೇವೆ. ಆ ಸ್ಥಾನ ಬಲದಿಂದ ತಾವು ಒಳ್ಳೆಯ ಸಂಪ್ರದಾಯವನ್ನು ಬೆಳಸಿ ಈ ಸಭೆಯ ಗೌರವ ಮತ್ತು ಪ್ರತಿಷ್ಠೆಗಳನ್ನು ಕಾಪಾಡಿಕೊಂಡು ಕೀರ್ತಿ ಪಡೆಯಬೇಕೆಂಬುದೇ ನನ್ನ ಆಸೆ. ಈ ಸಭೆಯ ಘನತೆ, ಗೌರವವನ್ನು ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ರೀತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬೆಳೆಸಲಕ್ಕೆ ತಮಗೆ ಪರಮಾತ್ಮನು ಶಕ್ತಿಯನ್ನು ಕೊಡಲಿ ಎಂದು ಪ್ರಾರ್ಥನೆ ಮಾಡಿ ತಮ್ಮನ್ನು ಅಭಿನಂದಿಸುತ್ತೇನೆ.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I know all of you have got a very soft corner for me. Since this is only a congratulatory motion, I do not want that any more members should speak in praise of me. Therefore, I seek your permission to close this debate.

HON'BLE MEMBERS,

I take this opportunity to thank you wholeheartedly for having elected me unanimously to this high office. It is indeed very kind of you all to have conferred on me this great honour. It only shows the confidence and trust you have reposed in me. Let me assure you that I will try to discharge my duties without fear or favour and to your fullest satisfaction.

I am aware that the Speaker's place is one of greatest responsibility. After the advent of democracy and the establishment of the Parliamentary system of Government, the Legislature occupies a very important place in the administration of the country. The Executive is responsible to the Legislature.

Therefore for the proper functioning of the Legislature, it is very necessary to see that the business is conducted properly and healthy precedents and conventions are established. All these form an important part of legislative work.

I am highly conscious of the fact that this place was occupied by no less a great and worthy person than the late Sri H. Siddaiya, who filled this place with high honour and dignity. As a member of this august House, I have carefully watched the deliberations of the House and the dignified and impartial manner in which Sri Siddaiya conducted the business. We are all sorry that we have lost him from our midst. May his soul rest in peace.

The Legislature in Mysore has had a long history and we have developed very salutary conventions and precedents. Our legislature has earned a reputation second to none for the dignity and decorum in the conduct of its business and it shall be my endeavour to carry on these traditions.

You have made very kind references in your speech to my personal qualities. You have spoken well of me. It only shows your generosity and goodness. It will be my earnest endeavour to justify the great confidence and trust you have reposed in me.

As Speaker, I know, I must be fair and impartial to all the Hon'ble Members of this House, irrespective of their party affiliation and hold the scales even. I must not only maintain a high tradition and prestige of this House, but also the dignity of the office I hold. More than all, I consider it as my sacred duty to safeguard the legitimate rights and privileges of the Hon'ble Members of this House.

I earnestly appeal to you all to give me your valuable help and co-operation in the proper discharge of my duties, which the Speakers have been accustomed to receive at your hands in the past.

I thank you once again.

MYSORE BOARD OF REVENUE BILL, 1954.

Motion to consider.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Now the Debate on the Revenue Board Bill will continue.

Sri P. R. RAMAIYA (Basavanagudi).—Sir, the opinions expressed so far in regard to the constitution of this Board have not been pointing in one direction. There have been differences of opinion specially in regard to the constitution of the Revenue Board. As to what function it has to discharge,